

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Frame A frame for a bicycle trailer with a foldable passenger compartment and a foldable seat arranged therein, comprising: a front end, a backside, an upwardly acting frame member adjacent the backside of the frame, the upwardly acting frame member including an upper part, a lower part and a swivelling axis about which the upper part can be folded relative to the lower part to collapse the frame; and, at least one bracket element located at the backside of the frame projecting out towards the frame's front end and acting at the height of the shoulder area of the passenger compartment and the bracket element being pivotally connected to the upwardly acting frame member to pivot about an axis parallel with the swivelling axis of the upwardly acting frame member.
2. (Currently amended) Frame The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element stabilizes a backrest of the seat.
3. (Currently amended) Frame The frame according to claim 2, wherein the bracket element pushes out at least one side wall that is stretched over the frame.
4. (Currently amended) Frame The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element pushes out at least one side wall that is stretched over the frame.
5. (Currently amended) Frame The frame according to claim 4, wherein at least one part, in particular the front end, the bracket element is formed as a U-shaped member including a pair of free ends and at least a selected portion of one of the free ends of the bracket element

protrudes laterally outwardly from the bracket element to cause the area formed by the frame elements for the side wall to be stretched out further at that selected portion.

6. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element at a front end thereof is shaped like as a disc at its front end.
7. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element axis of pivotal movement extends substantially horizontally ~~can be pivoted in an essentially vertical plane substantially transversely to the backside of the frame and~~ the bracket element is locked in at least one position against pivotal movement in order to stabilize ~~the~~ a backrest of the seat and/or push out ~~the~~ at least one side wall that is stretched over the frame.
8. (cancelled).
9. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element includes a pair of free ends projecting forwardly towards a front end of the frame and ~~is a bracket, which is connected to the sides of the~~ a backrest of the seat is connected at two upper anchoring points to the bracket element at least in the area of its free ends.
10. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 9, further comprising a strap attached between the upper anchoring points.
11. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 9 1, wherein ~~the backside of the frame has two parallel side bars and the bracket element is a U-shaped member including a pair of free ends and the bracket element is wrapped around both side bars~~ the upwardly acting frame member, with the free ends pointing towards the front end in the ~~a~~ position in which they brace ~~the~~ a backrest of the seat and/or push ~~the~~ the side walls out at least one side wall that is stretched over the frame.
12. (cancelled).

13. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 1, wherein the bracket element forms ~~the~~a top edge of a ~~bag~~ like storage space.
14. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 13, wherein the storage space is defined by side walls and a rear wall and at least one of the side walls and/or the rear wall ~~consist of~~ includes at least one fabric panel held between the bracket and ~~the~~a floor of the bicycle trailer.
15. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 13, wherein the bracket element stabilizes stabilizes a backrest of the seat and ~~the~~a front side of the storage space is formed by the backrest.
16. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 2, further comprising at least one elastic element that counteracts ~~the tensile forces acting~~ any weight of the seat on the bracket element when the backrest is being braced stabilized.
17. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 16, wherein the elastic element is an elastic strap.
18. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 17, wherein the length of the strap is adjustable.
19. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 1, further comprising a stop for locking wherein the bracket element is lockable in a selected pivotal position.
20. (cancelled).

21. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 2, wherein the seat is constructed as a two-passenger seat, with a central upper anchoring point being provided ~~at~~ for bracing a backrest of the ~~double~~ seat, ~~which is also used for bracing the backrest~~.
22. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 21, wherein the central upper anchoring point ~~is braced~~ provides bracing via a strap that is connected to an upper part of the frame.
23. (Currently amended) ~~Frame~~ The frame according to claim 21, further comprising a partition ~~located between the seats of~~ to form two seating areas on the two-passenger seat, ~~which is the~~ partition being connected to the backrest and ~~the seating to a lower support~~ area of the two-passenger seat.
24. (New) A bicycle trailer comprising: a foldable passenger compartment having a foldable seat arranged therein, the foldable seat including a backrest with an upper edge, and a frame including at least one bracket element located at a backside of the frame projecting out towards the front, said at least one bracket acting at a horizontal position between a roof and a floor defining the passenger compartment and securing the upper edge of the seat backrest.
25. (New) The bicycle trailer according to claim 24, wherein the bracket element is U-shaped including a base member with a pair of opposite ends and a side arm extending outwardly from each end of the base member, each side arm including a first end connected to the base member and a free end opposite the first end.
26. (New) The bicycle trailer according to claim 25 wherein the free ends are each shaped as a disc.
27. (New) The bicycle trailer according to claim 25, wherein the bracket element is connected adjacent its free ends to the upper edge of the backrest at two side anchoring points.

28. (New) The bicycle trailer according to claim 27, further comprising a strap secured to the seat between the side anchoring points and extending to engage a structural member of the frame.
29. (New) The bicycle trailer according to claim 25, wherein the frame includes a front, a rear and sides between the front and the rear, the rear of the frame including two parallel side bars and the bracket element extending at the sides of the frame outwardly beyond both side bars, with the free ends pointing towards the front of the frame.
30. (New) The bicycle trailer according to claim 25, wherein the frame includes a front and a rear, the rear of the frame including two parallel side bars and the side arms are positioned outwardly of the two parallel side bars with the free ends pointing towards the front of the frame and engaging the upper edge of the seat backrest.
31. (New) The bicycle trailer according to claim 24, further comprising a storage space defined between the seat and the bracket element.
32. (New) The bicycle trailer according to claim 31, further comprising a floor of the bicycle trailer and the storage space is defined by side walls and a rear wall including at least one fabric panel secured between the bracket element and the floor.
33. (New) The bicycle trailer according to claim 31, wherein a front side of the storage space is formed by the backrest.
34. (New) A frame for a bicycle trailer with a foldable passenger compartment and a foldable seat arranged therein, comprising: at least one bracket element located at a backside of the frame projecting out towards a front end of the frame to stabilize a backrest of the seat and acting at a height of a shoulder area of the passenger compartment and at least one elastic element that counteracts the weight of the seat on the bracket element when the backrest is being stabilized.

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35. (New) The frame according to claim 34, wherein the elastic element is an elastic strap.

36. (New) The frame according to claim 35, wherein the length of the strap is adjustable.